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Government Is Sustained

Electors Yesterday Passed Emphatic Vote of Confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Liberals Will Meet Parliament With a Majority Not Diminished.

British Columbia Solidly Endorsed the Party Now in Power.

That the Laurier government has been sustained in a very emphatic fashion as a result of the general elections throughout Canada yesterday is demonstrated by the returns from all points in the Dominion which are published below. In very many instances the figures are incomplete, but the landslide which has overtaken the Conservatives is clearly indicated by the bulletins to hand. The greatest surprise of the campaign in British Columbia was contained in the result in New Westminster, where even Liberals anticipated that J. D. Taylor, the Conservative candidate, would be a winner. The various bulletins which were supplied by the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company are as follows:

ONTARIO.

Ottawa.

Belcourt (Lib.).....5,998

Stewart (Lib.).....5,561

East York (Cons.).....4,960

Champlain (Cons.).....4,476

Brookville.....Elected

Derbyshire (Lib.).....Elected

Hamilton.....Elected

Zimmerman (Lib.).....Elected

East Toronto.....2,785

Leslie (Cons.).....1,460

South Simcoe.....Elected

Lennox (Cons.).....650 majority

West Northumberland.....Elected

McColl (Lib.).....Elected

Waterloo.....Elected

Seagram (Cons.).....200 majority

North York.....Elected

Mulock (Lib.).....1,200 majority

Welland.....Elected

Gorman (Lib.).....Elected

Brook.....Elected

Fisher (Lib.).....Elected

Bennett (Cons.).....Elected

East Hastings.....Elected

Northrup (Cons.).....Elected

Hyman (Lib.).....20 majority

North Perth.....Elected

McLaren (Cons.).....200 majority

West Elgin.....Elected

Jackson (Cons.).....500 majority

East Toronto.....Elected

Kemp (Cons.).....1,800 majority

North Oxford.....Elected

Sutherland (Lib.).....1,000 majority

Dundas.....Elected

Broderick (Cons.).....300 majority

Stormont.....Elected

Pringle (Cons.).....144 majority

Ottawa.....Elected

White (Cons.).....Elected

East Algoma.....Elected

Dimont (Lib.).....250 majority

London.....Elected

Hyman (Lib.).....200 majority

West Lambton.....Elected

Johnston (Lib.).....Elected

West Hastings.....Elected

Porter (Cons.).....Elected

North Perth.....Elected

McLaren (Cons.).....Conceded

South Essex.....Elected

Sunderland (Lib.).....Elected

North Toronto.....Elected

Foster (Cons.).....Elected

South Waterloo.....Elected

Claire (Cons.).....Elected

South Toronto.....Conceded

McDonald (Cons.).....Conceded

South Ontario.....Elected

Christie (Cons.).....Conceded

Kingston.....Elected

Harley (Lib.).....500 majority

Toronto Centre.....Elected

Clark (Cons.).....Elected

North Toronto.....Elected

Foster (Cons.).....Leading

Brantford.....Elected

Cockshutt (Cons.).....165 majority

Toronto.....Elected

Haggart (Cons.).....282 majority

South Essex.....Elected

Sutherland (Lib.).....150 majority

West Toronto.....Elected

Osler (Cons.).....1,048 majority

East Kent.....Elected

Gordon (Lib.).....Elected

South Renfrew.....Elected

Wright (Lib.).....Elected

Durham West.....Elected

Ward (Cons.).....Leading

East Middlesex.....Elected

Elson (Cons.).....300 majority

Peel.....Elected

Blaine (Cons.).....7 majority

Brant.....Elected

Paterson (Lib.).....250 majority

South York.....Elected

McLean (Cons.).....Elected

South Bruce.....Elected

Mackenzie (Lib.).....Elected

East Grey.....Elected

Sproule (Cons.).....700 majority

Welland, Ont.Elected

Geman (Lib.).....800 majority

Wentworth.....Elected

Seeley (Lib.).....Elected

North Wellington.....Elected

Martin (Lib.).....302 majority

North York.....Elected

Tisdall (Cons.).....200 majority

North Bruce.....Elected

Bland (Cons.).....324 majority

West Huron.....Elected

Lewis (Cons.).....Elected

County York.....Elected

Campbell (Lib.).....120 majority

West Peterborough.....Elected

Hull (Lib.).....200 majority

North Lanark.....Elected

Caldwell (Lib.).....40 majority

East Middlesex.....Elected

 McEvoy (Lib.).....150 majority |

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CLOSING SCENES OF THE PORT ARTHUR SIEGE

(Continued From Page One.)

but at 4 next morning the main attack was begun, but they held the trench line down the crest.

Three battalions of Japanese reserves joined the centre division that day and during the night a regiment assaulted and captured part of the South Kleekwan fort. At daylight the Russians fired on the Japanese and the Japanese at Kleekwan replied. It was expected that a general assault along the whole line would take place that night. The Russians, expecting an attack, made a strong counter attack, and the Japanese advance lines were driven from the captured forts.

The general assault then began and for twenty minutes the whole Japanese line was engaged. The left division charged the fortified hills. Part of the advance had gained the crests when the Japanese machine guns were opened and the Russian lines, and the Russian rifles and machine guns poured forth a deadly hail. Despite the carnage the Japanese held the positions gained and the machine guns quelled the Russian quick firing guns. Finally the Japanese were slowly forced to the trenches below.

On the west flank searchlights prevented the movement of troops. These lights, however, were shelled and the Japanese advanced close to the Russian lines, when another light was flashed upon them and Russian machine guns swept the lines. The Japanese machine guns finally quieted them. The Japanese captured the Banjusan forts and rushed forward furiously and engaged the Russian guns. The Russian guns were slowly forced to the trenches below.

The Russian guns were used with great effect when the Japanese lines were lit up by the searchlights and the Japanese machine guns were able to fire at this point as the Japanese forces were mixed up. The Russians fought in the darkness and the Japanese with the dazzling lights in their face.

The rattling of musketry, the thundering of Russian guns, the hissing of starlight and the flashing of searchlights along the whole line was very impressive. This lasted for six hours, until dawn, when the outlanders were forced back followed by the Japanese, who captured the forts and joined the forces from the valley. As the Russian outlanders were driven back and Kleekwan fort fired.

The previous day under cover of a tremendous bombardment the Japanese advanced and the Banjusan forts were captured. The Japanese machine guns were opened and the Russian forces from the valley. As the Russian outlanders were driven back and Kleekwan fort fired.

Before dawn the new Banjusan forts were captured, the Japanese pursuing the Russians who had defended them. Two hundred Japanese officers and men were killed. The Japanese captured a fort where they entrenched themselves and remained under an assault fire. With daylight the Japanese artillery started a terrific bombardment against the eastern end of the fortified ridge, quieting the Russian fort's guns. The storm of bursting shells lasted for half an hour, during which time over 400 guns roared in the valley.

During the bombardment the left division advanced through the captured forts. One regiment advanced up Wai-tai hill in order to join the regiment which held the neck between the two roads, thus dividing the Russian fortified ridge. A centre supporting regiment was unable to scale the heights and was forced to entrench at the foot. During the night the ranks of the Japanese were so decimated that they retired to the valley.

The Japanese casualties from the 19th to 24th were 14,000. The centre division lost 6,000 and a single regiment lost 2,500. Only six officers and two hundred men of this regiment remained after the fight.

The Russians were unceasing in their efforts to recapture the Banjusan forts. They bombarded and assaulted the bombproofs and the trenches which the Japanese repaired by night. There were 600 men and four machine guns in each fort. The daily loss was 100 in each fort until 8 p.m., when the Russian army was ordered to retreat. Meanwhile the army was ordered to retreat to completely envelope Port Arthur.

The intention of the Banjusan forts was to give the Japanese a foothold on the fortified ridge as a result of six days of general assault.

The Japanese army now settled down to sapping.

During the operations from October 28th to September 18th, the Japanese made night attacks. Favors were neither asked for nor given. Even stretcher bearers were killed.

The pioneers were sent to attack ropes to posts to which entanglements were attached and troops in the trenches pulled upon the ropes, dragging posts and wires away. This work was satisfactorily until the Russians began the use of breaching wires. The pioneers advanced and fell as though killed close to the entanglements and remained motionless until unobserved they could work about on their backs under the wire which they cut. The last expedition was a steel shield covering the face and body.

In order to recover the wounded when pioneers, soldiers crawled from the trenches at night and worked along on their stomachs, pulling the wounded slowly to cover. Many of the wounded were not recovered.

The Japanese army was finally brought to its full strength, and it was announced that a general assault would be made on September 19 at 5 a.m. The assault was made on the Nahaokayama ridge, the 203-metre hill, the half-moon forts and the redoubts at the foot of Rihlung mountain. The bombardment was started at dawn, and at 10 a.m. the Japanese division advanced and attacked a redoubt at the foot of Rihlung mountain. The Japanese were forced to retreat.

News Of the Army And Navy

Viscount Bury's Appointment as Earl Grey's Aide-de-Camp.

Gunner Appointed to H. M. S. Shearwater—Notes of the Service.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Oct. 22.—Viscount Bury, First Battalion Scots Guards, son and heir of the Earl of Albemarle, has been appointed aide-de-camp to Earl Grey. His Lordship, who has served three and a half years in the Guards, is a cousin of Captain Colin Koppel, D. S. O., late commanding H. M. S. Grafton, flagship on the Pacific station.

Gunner A. G. Westaway has been appointed to H. M. S. Shearwater, thus completing the new list of officers. Gunner Westaway is a smart officer, who has held his rank for the past four and a half years.

Nothing further in connection with the contemplated reduction of the battalions of the Royal Garrison Regiment has been officially intimated, but there seems to be little hope for their continuation on the establishment. The fact is they are very expensive, so many of the rank and file being married, with families and that is a very serious consideration in these days of cheapening and retrenchment. All the same it is a most interesting feature of the finest troops in the world should be reduced for the saving of a few thousands per annum.

An army order just issued changes the period of enlistment for recruits to twelve months with the colors and three in the reserve. This is the result of Mr. S. John Brodbeck's three years' system which under the pressure of supplying foreign drafts collapsed ignominiously as indeed did almost every other that heaven-born scheme died with the new system will fill the ranks with mature soldiers and not the country with discontented reservists.

Great crowds visited Trafalgar square yesterday and today to inspect the imposing decorations of the Nelson column. The anchor emblem from County Wexford occupied a prominent position on the west side of the monument's base, and was greatly admired. The post of honor on the south side of the column facing Charing Cross is specially set apart for the floral emblems sent by the surviving sons and daughters of officers who fought at Trafalgar. Close by is a remarkable tribute from the Victoria Esquimalt branch of the Navy League. It is emblematic of the United Kingdom, and is a beautiful shamrock are worked in leaves and flowers and an anchor composed of moss on a bed of autumnal leaves. Another novel tribute has been sent by the New Zealand branch—a wreath packed in ice.

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Summit City of the terrible death by explosion of one Salvador Dominico, an Italian foreman in charge of a gang of men in Johns Bay on the Klondike branch of the Great Northern Railway.

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Shawnigan Lake 10:20	Shawnigan Lake 10:40		Shawnigan Lake 4:20
Duncan 11:00	Duncan 10:00		Duncan 5:00
Ladysmith 11:40	Ladysmith 9:20		Ladysmith 4:00
Nanaimo 12:40	Nanaimo 8:20		Nanaimo 3:40
Ar. Wellington 12:53	Lv. Wellington 8:00		De. Wellington 3:00

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A local syndicate, composed of Messrs. G. I. Wilson and R. Welch and Messrs. Evans, Coleman & Evans, has acquired a lease of the salmon cannery of the Washington Packing Company, at Bellingham, Wash., and has in view the leasing of some other parts of the company's cannery which are engaged in the salmon-packing industry, next year should be that in which the big run occurs, and this syndicate is securing the control of a number of canneries in anticipation of a big pack. The lease of the Washington Packing Company's cannery will take effect on May 1st next, and will run one year. The plant has a capacity of 3,000 cases daily, and in addition to the payment of a rental, a royalty will be paid on each case packed.

The members of the new syndicate were formerly connected with the British Columbia Packers' Association.—News-Advertiser.

BORN.

SAYAGE—In this city, November 1, the wife of R. W. O. Sayage, of a daughter.

DIED.

DURANCE—At the family residence, Lake District, on the 1st instant, John Durance, a native of Leicestershire, England; aged 70 years.
The funeral will take place from the above residence on Friday, November 4, at 1 o'clock, and later at the Church of England cemetery, South Saanich.
Friends will please accept this intimation.

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NEWS NOTES FROM GRAND FORKS

Phoenix Branch Line Is Nearing Completion—Accident at Summit City.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Grand Forks, B. C., Nov. 2.—A very successful dance was given last night in the ballroom belonging to the Yaie hotel, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. The music which was excellent was furnished by Miss Ayre. During the evening it was decided to form a club for the purpose of giving dances and other forms of entertainment for the winter months. A young committee was formed to take the management of these dances which will be held once a month in the future.

As the Phoenix branch and other railway work is nearing completion and as some of the sawmills are shutting down for the season in this district, a number of men are thrown out of employment and many of them have left for Europe and the United States. M. J. Quigley, United States immigration agent, who resides in Rossland, says that he has seen a number of men from Northport during the month of October who were going to the United States to look for employment.

Judge Leamy returned from Nelson yesterday where he had come to hold chambers, but there were no applications forthcoming as many of the local practitioners were out of town.

Tim Gascon, who recently pointed a gun at an aged man named Wene, and who afterwards treated a disturbance recently for which he was charged by the police, made his escape yesterday from the city lockup by tying his blankets around the iron bars of the window and then making the other end fast to a door, and by swinging the door back and forth succeeded in getting the bars apart and thus successfully made good his escape. However, Acting Chief of Police Savage was soon on his track and succeeded in locating the runaway about three o'clock in the afternoon near the police office. When captured Gascon had his pockets full of stones.

Alderman Neil McCallum, who has been on a visit to Eastern Canada for the last two months, returned to the city yesterday.

The sitting of the Supreme court which has been going on here for the last week under Chief Justice Hunter will conclude this afternoon when the Judges and the various visiting lawyers will leave for their respective homes.

Halloway was very quietly observed in Grand Forks, while the small hours were on in the early part of the evening. No harm of any importance was done.

Word reached here last evening from

MIKADO'S HONORS.

American Captain Declines Request to Fire a Salute at Chefoo.

Chefoo, Nov. 3.—The Japanese consul here on the occasion of the Mikado's birthday requested Rear Admiral Folger, commanding the cruiser division of the American Asiatic squadron, and the captain of a Chinese cruiser to fire a salute. Rear Admiral Folger declined to accede to the request on the ground that he was not in Japanese waters. The Chinese captain, however, complied. The incident has aroused much comment.

AN IRISH OPINION.

Michael Davitt Makes Characteristic Remarks.

New York, Nov. 3.—Michael Davitt arrived today on the White Star liner Cedric. He said that he came on business and that he will return to Ireland in December. Referring to the Dogger Bank episode, he said in an interview: "Russia knew that when she was on the coast of England she was on the coast of an enemy just as surely as though England had declared open war upon her. She was certainly justified in view of the facts in taking no chances."

WILL USE STEAMERS.

If the plans of these interested mariners to use Western Canadian Fish Company will in the near future make an important addition to its fishing fleet, says the Vancouver World of Wednesday. At present time only sailing vessels are employed by the company, but the gradual extension of business which has come to the concern has created a necessity for vessels of quick and certain service.

Since the company was organized, something over a year ago, its experience has been one of steady progress. Markets have been opened for the fish in the west, Manitoba and even in the more eastern sections of the Dominion—Ontario and Quebec. Several carloads of fish have already been delivered from these parts of Canada, and orders are now being filled for a carload for London, Ont., and another for Montreal. Mr. D. Moutat, the secretary of the company, has been in the east for some months and is still there, settling orders, with results that are most encouraging.

The capital stock of the company has recently been increased for the purpose of making necessary extensions to the establishment at Barnet, and of purchasing a steamer to ply in the fishing trade. At present it is intended to buy a big storage plant, so that the fish can be delivered fresh in Manitoba and the Northwest. The steamer, which is to be purchased, will be a sailing vessel, and will be used in the cod and halibut fisheries.

The last trip of the Blakely to northern waters, for the purpose of catching fish, was made in the month of August. By the use of a steamer this trip would be made in one-third of that time.

SHORT SENTENCES A FAILURE.

That short sentences are not only useless, but actually harmful to the prisoners in the case of habitual offenders, is the opinion expressed in the report of the Irish General Prison Board, just issued, and instances are given to bear out this contention. The man who was committed to prison last year, and who was sentenced to eight months last year, the sentences varying from seven days to a month, had 143 previous convictions against him. Another, who was sentenced to six months last year, seven times for seven days, and once for fourteen, had eighty-nine previous convictions; and a third, sentenced thirteen years for a third offence, had fourteen days, had no fewer than 105 previous convictions. One female prisoner who was convicted fourteen times last year, and who had previous convictions against her, and another added a dozen to her record of 321.

Most men will admit that they have more brains than money.

OBITUARY.

The officers and members of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at the hall on Saturday at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late G. W. Craig.

The death occurred yesterday, at the residence of her son-in-law, Henry Allnut, No. 30 Second street, of Susan Ann (Graham), aged 80 years, and a native of Thorne, Yorkshire, England. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 10 a.m. from the above residence and later from St. Barnabas church.

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Hughes (Lib.)	Elected	North Grey.
Thompson (Cons.)	Elected	Prince Edward County.
J. O. Alcorn (Cons.)	200 majority	Peterboro East.
J. Finlay (Lib.)	300 majority	QUEBEC.
Demeris (Lib.)	85 majority	Levis.
Forget (Cons.)	80 majority	Charlevoix.
Avery (Cons.)	88 majority	Frontenac.
Worthington (Cons.)	200 majority	Sherbrooke.
Maynard (Lib.)	300 majority	Terrebonne.
Desjardins (Lib.)	140 majority	Montcalm.
Dugas (Lib.)	Elected	Stanstead.
Lovell (Lib.)	157 majority	Joliette.
Dubeault (Lib.)	200 majority	Portneuf.
Delisle (Lib.)	300 majority	Compton.
Hunt (Lib.)	200 majority	Berthier.
Archambault (Lib.)	100 majority	Montmagny.
Laverne (Lib.)	100 majority	Soulanges.
Bourbonnais (Lib.)	200 majority	St. Antoine.
Ames (Cons.)	640 majority	St. Mary's.
Bickerdike (Lib.)	119 majority	St. John's.
Lune (Cons.)	780 majority	St. Ann's.
Gallery (Lib.)	730 majority	St. Mary's.
Morrison (Cons.)	1,745 majority	St. John's.
Piche (Lib.)	150 majority	St. John's.
Préfontaine (Lib.)	470 majority	Boisjourné.
Marcille (Lib.)	Elected	Richelieu.
Bernier (Lib.)	Elected	Richelieu.
Bernier (Cons.)	Elected	Richelieu.
Lemieux (Lib.)	Elected	Richelieu.
Paquet (Cons.)	Elected	Richelieu.
Maloin (Lib.)	800 majority	Quebec East.
Laurier (Lib.)	2,040 majority	Chamblé-Verchères.
Geoffrion (Lib.)	530 majority	Stamford.
Lovell (Lib.)	205 majority	St. John's.
Demers (Lib.)	Elected	Temiscoula.
Ganovrien (Lib.)	Elected	Stamford.
Monk (Cons.)	400 majority	Vaudreuil.
Bastie (Lib.)	470 majority	Pontiac.
Hodgins (Lib.)	Elected	Missisquoi.
Meigs (Lib.)	80 majority	Megantic.
Savoy (Lib.)	400 majority	Two Mountains.
Ethier (Lib.)	128 majority	L'Assomption.
Laurier (Lib.)	1,800 majority	Quebec County.
Fitzpatrick (Lib.)	206 majority	Laval.
Leonard (Cons.)	40 majority	Provencher.
Larivière (Cons.)	40 majority	Shoofield.
Parmalee (Lib.)	Elected	Argenteuil.
Perley (Cons.)	100 majority	La Vallée.
Bourassa (Lib.)	Elected	Lotbinière.
Reed (Cons.)	500 majority	Montmorency.
Parent (Lib.)	Elected	Chateauguay.
Bryson (Cons.)	500 majority	Richmond-Wolf.
Tobin (Lib.)	500 majority	Vaudreuil.
Boyer (Lib.)	500 majority	Beauce.
Belland (Lib.)	Elected	St. Hyacinthe.
Beauport (Lib.)	500 majority	Basco.
Marell (Lib.)	346 majority	La Prairie.
Landot (Lib.)	Elected	Wright.
Laurier (Lib.)	600 majority	Soulanges.
Bourbonnais (Lib.)	210 majority	St. James.
Garvis (Lib.)	1,355 majority	NEW BRUNSWICK.
Blane (Lib.)	1,212 majority	Ken.
Melmonay (Cons.)	1,146 majority	Hecker (Ind.)
Reed (Lib.)	335 majority	Restigouche.

Smith (Lib.)	380	NANAIMO.
Fenton (Cons.)	370	Nanaimo City.
Wolley (Cons.)	250	
Fenton (Cons.)	183	
Smith (Lib.)	185	
Wolley (Cons.)	140	
Smith (Lib.)	4	Strathcona.
Wolley (Cons.)	4	
Fenton (Cons.)	4	
Smith (Lib.)	18	Sooke.
Wolley (Cons.)	5	
Fenton (Cons.)	0	
Smith (Lib.)	44	Saanichton.
Wolley (Cons.)	39	
Fenton (Cons.)	3	
Smith (Lib.)	50	Salt Spring Island.
Wolley (Cons.)	31	
Fenton (Cons.)	8	
Smith (Lib.)	35	Metehoon.
Wolley (Cons.)	2	
Fenton (Cons.)	2	Chemalms.
Wolley (Cons.)	23	
Smith (Lib.)	17	Duncan.
Fenton (Cons.)	0	
Wolley (Cons.)	80	South Cedar.
Smith (Lib.)	67	
Fenton (Cons.)	6	
Wolley (Cons.)	23	South Wellington.
Smith (Lib.)	7	
Fenton (Cons.)	11	
Wolley (Cons.)	7	Esquimalt.
Smith (Lib.)	115	
Wolley (Cons.)	71	North Saanich.
Fenton (Cons.)	0	
Smith (Lib.)	89	
Wolley (Cons.)	50	
Fenton (Cons.)	1	
Smith (Lib.)	41	
Wolley (Cons.)	39	
Fenton (Cons.)	3	
Smith (Lib.)	14	
Wolley (Cons.)	7	
Fenton (Cons.)	5	majority
Smith (Lib.)	972	Summary.
Wolley (Cons.)	621	
Fenton (Cons.)	601	
Smith (Lib.)	133	200 polling places to hear from.

SUMMARY.

As far as known late last night, was not materially changed by the few reports received early this morning:

Ontario	37	Lib.	Cons.
Quebec	56	11	
Nova Scotia	18	0	
New Brunswick	6	7	
Prince Edward Island	1	4	
Manitoba	5	4	
Northwest Territories	6	1	
British Columbia	4	0	
Totals	133	71	

ADDITIONAL RETURNS.

Essex South—Clark (Lib.)	439.
Glengarry—Smith (Lib.)	629.
Hamilton East—Barker (Cons.)	elected.
Elgin East—Ingram (Cons.)	24.
Grenville—Rold (Cons.)	509.
Halton—Lalor (Cons.)	320.
Haldimand—Henderson (Cons.)	139.
Huron South—Gunn (Cons.)	129.
Kent—Clements (Cons.)	217.
Laurelton East—Armstrong (Cons.)	409.
Laurelton West—Liberal	elected.
Lennox and Addington—Wilson (Cons.)	412.
Middlesex North—Ratatz (Ind.)	187.
Muskegon—Smith (Cons.)	720.
Peterboro East—Finlay (Lib.)	300.
Prince Edward County—Alcorn (Cons.)	200.
Renfrew South—Wright (Lib.)	125.
Simcoe East—Bennett (Cons.)	304.
Simcoe South—Leung (Cons.)	459.
Waterloo South—Clarke (Cons.)	300.
Wentworth—Smith (Cons.)	17.
Kings, T. E. I. Hughes (Lib.)	elected.
Champlain, Que.—Brown (Lib.)	200.
Rouville, Que.—Brodie (Lib.)	675.
Yamaska, Que.—Gladu (Lib.)	311.
Kings, N. B.—Fowler (Cons.)	200.
Northumberland, N. B.—Loggie (Lib.)	elected.
Victoria, N. B.—Costigan (Lib.)	1,100.
Dufferin—Barr (Cons.)	110.
Wellington South—Guthrie (Lib.)	109.

Old English Songs

To a certain extent the English are cosmopolitan in their musical tastes. That is to say they are ready to adopt the songs and tunes of other nations, providing only the melody be pleasing in their ears. Hence possibly the varied and heterogeneous types of many of our best-known ballads. Most of these, it is true, took their rise in other parts of the kingdom; still the difference between Celtic, Saxon, and Saxon temperaments is enough to account for much that is otherwise inexplicable in some of the so-called national songs. Yet even among these we find exceptions. The British "Grenadiers" for instance, like its name, is English to the backbone, and is furthermore one of the oldest popular songs we have. The words, it is evident, were written somewhere between 1678, when the Grenadier Company was first formed, and the time of Queen Anne, in whose reign the regiment ceased to carry hand grenades. The time, from all accounts, is considerably old, and may even belong to Good Queen Bess's days, though this, of course, is merely surmise.

Another melody supposed to date from that period is "Robin Adair." Though, for some mysterious reason generally included in collections of Scotch airs, the tune originally came from Ireland—where it was called "Eileen Aroon"—the "Scotch" words on the words "Robin Adair" being a nineteenth century addition. The tradition has it that a chieftain of the clan O'Daly, like Romeo, fell in love with the daughter of his race's hereditary foe. As is customary in romance, the lady was compelled to marry an unwelcome wooer, but this only made her lover's opportunity. Disguised as a harper he appeared at the wedding feast, where he sang a doleful lay of love and woe. Then, suspicion being lulled, he suddenly swung the bride on his horse and, leaping over the castle wall, carried her off before the eyes of his rival. In remembrance of this pseudo-minstrel's melody was treasured by his descendants. At least the air "Eileen Aroon" is known to have been the work of one Gerald O'Daly, a harper of later times, who probably utilized the ancestral tune.

To the modern verses it attached a romance emanating from the days of hopes and patches. The hero of this, Robin Adair, a good-looking young Irish surgeon, once claimed to be of service to an elderly titled dame, who had met with an accident near Holyhead. More frightened than hurt, the lady, when matters were adjusted, presented her deliverer with a fee of a hundred guineas and insisted on escorting her back to London. Arrived there, he was forthwith made free of his patroness's house, and, sad to say, so far forgot his position as to set his affections on one of the visitors, who was by no means backward in responding. Without further ado the fascinating physician was banished, but the mischief was done, his high-born innamorata refusing to even look at her other suitors. As a last expedient she was taken to Bath to try what a

course of gaiety, combined with unpleasant mineral waters, could effect. Here, however, instead of forgetting her lover of low degree, the enamored maiden wrote, or induced someone to write the lines eulogizing her adored Robin Adair. To make a long story short, the two were ultimately married, but their happiness was of brief duration, for the young wife speedily fell a victim to consumption, leaving her husband bound by a vow to wear perpetual mourning in memory of their love.

Turning to more convivial days, the first which occur to the mind are the companion songs, "We Won't Go Home Till Morning," and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," which own time in common. With reference to the words of the latter, they certainly run into something that may be termed a couplet, but of "We Won't Go Home Till Morning" nothing, apparently, having survived beyond the two lines indicating the singer's disinclination for repose. Whether a matchless epic has been lost to the world or whether the poet's inspiration gave out after the one immortal statement history saitheth not at any rate, the accumulated archives of the British Museum can yield no information on the question, so, failing this, the words of these two most jovial ditties must perforce be classed together as "traditional."

The tune, on the contrary, is a case in point of English adaptability, for as most people know it primarily appertains to "Malbrook s'en va l'en guerre"—verses not only "made in France," but containing distinctly anti-English sentiments. Both words and music were composed during the great Duke of Marlborough's campaign, but the date is not positively known. One authority indeed asserts that it can be assigned to this night after the battle of Malplaquet, but this somehow does not carry conviction. Hungry soldiers, worn out by the long day's fighting, would not be likely to embark on a lengthy descriptive poem, to say nothing of the accompanying music. The poem is a curiosity in its way, consisting of some forty-two verses, which, when shorn of a good deal of "Mironot Mironot," give full and minute particulars of the imaginary but wished-for death of Malbrook. Among other interesting details described is the little of "Madam" (in tears and a rose) holding a soldier's head in her lap, and a brief foot page of the death of her lord, an affecting picture of the great Sarah, which she herself assuredly would not have recognized.

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OPIMUM LICENSING IN FORMOSA.

London Telegraph.
In his report on the trade of North Formosa for 1903, British Consul Playfair says that during the year the value of the opium imported fell from £153,822 to £116,819, a decline of £37,000. He adds the following interesting particulars of the methods adopted by the Japanese to suppress the addiction to this pernicious drug.
"The authorities are doing their best to put down the opium habit, and appear to be meeting with a fair measure of success. No one but the government is allowed to deal with opium in any way, save those who are licensed. Only those proved to be addicted to opium are given permission to buy and smoke it. Exceptionally heavy penalties are inflicted on those detected in importing, selling or smoking the drug without permission.
"Regulations for the application of the opium law were first promulgated in 1897, but have frequently been revised since. These regulations show that the government makes three qualities. Agents and dealers in opium have to be nonsmokers and persons of good character. They are licensed, as are the smokers, and the latter must always produce their licenses when purchasing opium, of which, however, only a certain quantity can be bought. The price is fixed by the government, and the selling agent who supplies the retailer is only allowed a profit of 1½ per cent. He pays three yen a year for his license, and has to report monthly the quantity and value of the opium he has sold since his last report. The retailer also has to pay 3 yen per annum for his license and has to keep a careful account of his transactions and report to the police.
"The regulations control the agent, dealer and smoker so completely that it is well administered, evasion is almost impossible. Nevertheless, it is asserted that a large amount of smuggling is carried on. On the promulgation of the law it was transferred and well carried out by the natives. Officials acquainted with the vernacular went from village to village, gathered together the chief natives, and pointing out to them the great injury done to mind and body by indulgence in the habit, at the same time expounded the law, and the native authorities generously assisted natives in the study of the Japanese language in order to qualify them as interpreters. Textbooks on the subject were circulated for the

benefit of children, and opium was made a special branch of study in schools.
"The attempt to control the opium habit caused at the outset many disturbances, which might easily have ripened into rebellion but for the policy of the administration. The authorities found great difficulty in ascertaining the number of smokers, as people refused to give information, and it was not until late in 1900 that it was believed that all the opium smokers in Formosa were registered. Since that date it is reckoned that the number of smokers has decreased about 100 a month.
"There are, as stated above, three grades of opium made at the government factory, all of which those who can afford to buy a first-class ticket (red) at 3 yen per month may purchase and use. The second-class smoker pays 1 yen 50 sen per month for a green ticket, entitling him to buy the second and third grades of opium, while the third-class smoker pays 20 sen monthly for a yellow ticket, conferring the right to indulge in the commonest quality only. The use of opium in Formosa is steadily declining, the result, not only of law but also of public opinion."

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3. Debentures amounting to \$10,762.64, dated the 15th day of September, 1904, maturing 15th day of September, 1914, and secured upon the credit of the whole municipality.
The denomination of the debentures (with the exception of remainders) is \$50.00, and they bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum, payable half yearly at the office of the City Treasurer, Victoria. The tenderer must state the net price at Victoria which he will pay. In addition to the net price the purchaser will have to pay the Corporation the interest on the said debentures, for the period between the date of issue of each set of debentures, as above, and the date of receipt of the purchase money thereby, at the City Treasurer.
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THE LIBERALS ARE VICTORIOUS

While at the time of writing the returns are not complete, it is fairly certain that the Liberal majority in the new house will be larger than it was in the previous house. It is quite unnecessary to say that the Colonist is not only regretful over the result, but very much disappointed. The possibility of the government being returned by a small majority was conceded from the outset, but that it would have been returned by such a large majority was unlooked for. However, the result shows that the government is amply supported by public opinion. The Liberal-Conservative party having fought a good fight, conscientiously believing in the righteousness of their cause, they must accept their defeat with the best grace possible.

It is needless to discuss causes. Good times are always a strong factor in favor of the party in power, and the exceptional prosperity that Canada has been enjoying, which is of course absurd to attribute to Liberal government rule, has had its effect on the public mind. Then the government went to the country with a railway scheme at its back involving the expenditure of from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000. On the top of that, as we have pointed out frequently, were the largest appropriations that have ever been known. The Liberal candidates were amply supplied with money for campaign purposes, while the Liberal-Conservatives had no such resources at their disposal. Upon the issues before the country there can be no question in the mind of any man that the Conservative party had the best of it on every count. If arguments were effective the victory would have been ours.

One of the very regrettable features of the campaign is the defeat of Mr. Borden, the leader of the Liberal-Conservatives, who made a splendid and a manly fight. The loss to the House of Commons and to the country will be very great, and it is to be hoped that he will yet find a seat. A leader, to be effective, must be in parliament, and there is no question that he is a leader and a great leader. It is true, he created an issue, which apparently is not in accord with public sentiment, and that is government ownership of railways. He was right, however, and the discussion that has taken place and the future experience of Canada in connection with the construction and operation of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway will open up the way to a decided change in sentiment in this important matter. Canada will yet seriously regret the day the proposal of Mr. Borden was turned down.

So far as British Columbia is concerned, there is another issue that has been seriously affected, and that is the claim of the province for special consideration at the hands of the Dominion government. With the return of at least a majority of Liberal representatives from this province—and it is useless to conceal the fact that the general result will affect the results in the remaining elections to be held—the government at Ottawa can say that the people of British Columbia have themselves declared that they do not regard that claim as a bona fide one, and are not in favor of the representations by the Provincial government to the authorities at Ottawa. However, the Colonist does not regret the position it took on the question of Better Terms. It would take the same position again, and will continue to take it, confident in the fact that, sooner or later, the electors will become keenly alive to the nature of the relations which at present exist between the Province and the Dominion, and will appreciate thoroughly the disadvantages under which we labor as compared with the other provinces.

It is always discouraging to lose, but we regret more than defeat the fact that the country will be shouldered with a railway to be built on terms which will prove unduly burdensome and not in the best interests of Canada. We also regret the fact that British Columbia did not assert itself on a question of great moment, and one which is intimately associated with its future prosperity and development.

Now that the campaign is over, we trust that the issues for the time being will be settled, and that the heartburnings and bad feelings, if any, incident to the campaign will be buried and forgotten. The Liberal-Conservative party must accept defeat at the hands of the electors, and trust to time to vindicate the principles it has advocated.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

Yesterday was Canada's day. Tuesday is the United States' day. The American republic is in a whirl of excitement, compared with which our Canadian election was tame as itself. There seems to be very little doubt about the result. Good times in the United States have done for the Republicans much as it did for the Liberals in Canada, and with a strong executive head the people are, as a rule, well satisfied. Nor are the dividing lines of party of such a character as to justify the electors in turning out a well-tried party in power for one that offers nothing of advantage in contradistinction.

In this connection the Seattle Post-Intelligencer points a moral that has a general application. It points out that when Theodore Roosevelt was turned down at the time James G. Blaine was nominated it was expected that he would bolt and join the ranks of the seceders at that time. When he came home, however, he set the matter at rest by announcing his acquiescence in the choice and his determination to work for the party. The Post-Intelligencer says:

"That letter contained this apothegm, which is quoted anew in Harper's Weekly: 'A man cannot act both

without and within a party. He can do neither, but he cannot do both.' Mr. Roosevelt believed that there was work for him to do within the party, and he decided to stay within it. The country and the party have profited by that decision as much as has Mr. Roosevelt himself. Had he decided to bolt or to suik on his first political reverse, involving the nomination of a candidate instead of to him, Mr. Roosevelt's active political career would have been at an end and he would have remained in the ranks of the carping critics instead of becoming one of the constructive statesmen of the country."

COACHING CANDIDATES.

Lord Macaulay tells us that, in the times of James II., the new members of Parliament elected had to be carefully "coached" by experienced ones, for, until they had gone through a course of instruction, they were quite useless. The idea is excellent, says the Insurance and Finance Chronicle. There are a number of candidates before the electorate, who, if elected, will be quite too green to take up any parliamentary work. Why not have a training school opened for candidates? The tutors might be retired members ready to earn an honest dollar or two by giving lessons on parliamentary department and practice. How to make promises never intended to be kept, and yet appear to be the soul of honor and frankness; how to kill time during a debate, and yet be attending to duty; how to profit by parliamentary influence, yet be unstained by bribery; these and other arts might be taught at the School for Candidates and Kindergarten for juvenile M. P.'s.

THE SITUATION AT PORT ARTHUR.

Despatches from Port Arthur are to the effect that its fall is imminent. The Japanese by great persistence have been enabled to secure the outlying defences, and the capture of the city itself is hourly looked forward to. It would appear to be almost certain that Port Arthur is doomed. Its fall will be a deciding factor in the situation, as it will release an army to be used by the Japanese against Kuropatkin in the north. It will assure other advantages of an important nature. In fact, it will give the Japanese control of the Coast and Southern Manchuria. Following up their advantage, if they strike the Russian armies a decisive blow before they go into winter quarters, it would probably be an end to the war. In any event, the loss of Port Arthur will be of the greatest advantage to the Japanese.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

We are pleased, and we feel sure that our readers echo the sentiment, that the elections are over and that we are relieved from the daily grind of politics. For several months the readers of the Colonist have had politics every morning with their breakfast meal, and while we are assured that it never proved to be stale, yet they will appreciate a change of diet.

It is a satisfaction to the Colonist in connection with the recent contest to have been in receipt of many congratulations as to the way the fight was conducted. Our endeavor has been, while dealing vigorously with the issues to deal with issues and not with personalities. Of course, in the heat of election things are said that probably would not have been said under other circumstances. Nevertheless there are few causes for regret in that connection. We believe the same may be said for the whole of the Conservative party in British Columbia. We believe that the party that adheres to such a policy of campaign will eventually be very much better off even if for the time being it suffers defeat.

THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH.

A school teacher writes to a New York paper on the subject of the complaint so frequently made that the school children who are studying grammar and composition are heard in the streets, with their arms full of books, talking the vilest corruption of English. The teacher says, in effect, what can we do more than we are doing? We teach English but they will not learn it. The time they spend at school is listening to "the peculiar speech of the self-satisfied New Yorker who murders his language with a light heart." The writer—a lady we judge—admits that people in other parts of the country do the same, but she says that "the New Yorker, perhaps because there are so many of him, murders his mother tongue with the airy cheerfulness of a southern mob attending its weekly lynching." The pupils, therefore, speak the language of their homes and of their city, and the school cannot control them. This lends the Montreal Star to remark that the same thing is taking place, to some extent, in Canada, though here the written word probably influences speech somewhat more than there. Unless writers follow suit there will, in the course of a generation or so, be two distinct languages in the country, one for written composition and another for daily speech.

ONE PENNY PER SECOND.

A new and ingenious piece of mechanism has been devised by the secretary of the Hospital for a purpose not unfamiliar at that institution. It consists of an attention-compelling statement that the hospital costs one penny per second to maintain, and inviting the visitor to take the entire cost of the hospital on to his shoulders for one second, counting a small automatic machine by which the clock-hand is advanced one second when the penny is dropped in the box. The secretary hopes shortly to add a gramophone to his new toy which shall say "Thank you" for every gift—preferably in the King's voice.

BRITISH ARMY REFORM.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling has embodied his views on the British army in a remarkable "Phantasy." An American Journal gives the following brief summary: The title is "The Army of a Dream," and the story is of a kind of military Utopia, an ideal England, in which all the men and boys spend the best of their time in playing at war and all the women in admiring them. There is no conscription; everyone has a passion for soldiering, and the chief is encouraged by a little gentle legislation and by other things. As one of the heroes of the "Phantasy" puts it, "if we don't volunteer, the chief will force us, we don't vote, and we don't get poor relief, and the women don't love us. Hence every man is either a volunteer, or a militia man, or a regular, or a best of all, a member of the mysterious force called the Imperial Guard, which 'doesn't recruit—it selects,' and which keeps a canteen 'like a Solers and Pons restaurant,' where it is the pride and delight even of the women and civilians to eat their meals and enjoy the society of heroes. Children begin at the age of five to play at war in the board schools. 'They know their company drill

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Liberals Win in Victoria City

Col. Prior Goes Down to Defeat Before Opponent in Local Election.

Grit Candidate Headed the Poll by Majority Which Surprised His Friends.

George Riley, Liberal, 1,490.
E. G. Prior, Conservative, 1,192.
J. C. Watterson, Socialist, 335.

The result of the election in the city yesterday was no surprise to either party, although Mr. Riley piled up a larger majority than was anticipated. It was realized by Col. Prior's supporters that their candidate had heavy odds to fight against. The heavy odds against the Liberal, together with the advantage naturally accruing to the candidate of the party in power, combined to make success for the Conservatives exceedingly difficult. Added to these influences the almost unanimous desire for another transcendent line, almost at any price, may have been the chief factor in the result.

Col. Prior undoubtedly gained ground as the campaign proceeded, but the result shows that the time was too short for him to make good. Very little interest was taken in the election, which was, by common consent, about the quietest on record. The general feeling prevailing that the Liberals would be returned to power doubtless was the cause of this, and the vote was not large, showing probably a slight increase on the vote of 1901. In that year the figures in the city were: Prior, 1,492; Riley, 1,473; Drury, 1,468; Riley, 1,415, showing an apparent total vote of 3,015, against the vote of 3,218 recorded yesterday. These figures show a considerable falling off in the Conservative vote, amounting to about 450, and an increase in the Liberal vote of 217, indicating that a very considerable number of Conservatives did not vote. The Socialist polled fewer votes than anticipated.

At the meeting of the poll, both commences early in the morning, and a constant stream of electors passed through the doors all day, right up to 5 o'clock, when the polling booths were closed. The counting only occupied about three-quarters of an hour, and the result was apparent a few minutes after the boxes were opened. Mr. Riley being ahead from start to finish in every box but one.

Much more interest was taken in the results of the election throughout Canada than in the local election, and a large crowd assembled outside the Colonial office to read the bulletins which were placed in the window as soon as they arrived in the city. The first to come and read the bulletins were the members of the Liberal party in New Brunswick and the prospect of a considerable reduction in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's majority in the House looked good. Later returns, however, pointed to the probability of a decrease in the Liberal majority in the House of Commons.

The news of Mr. Riley's victory in the local election, and the prospect of a considerable reduction in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's majority in the House of Commons, caused considerable regret being expressed on all sides. At the same time, however, a procession, consisting of several hacks containing the more prominent supporters of the successful candidate and a guard of honor consisting of a large number of uniformed boys, formed a line in front of the Liberal committee rooms on Broad street. The Fifth Regiment band took the lead, and followed by a hack containing Mr. Riley, Senator Templeman and Mr. Frank Higgins, and the procession moved around the city. Returning to Broad street a halt was made and Mr. Riley addressed a few words to the assembled crowd. His remarks were quite inaudible to many of the electors, but he thanked the electors for returning him, and promised to do his best for Victoria. Senator Templeman then stood up and added his thanks to those of Mr. Riley. He said that British Columbia was destined to be a province of the future as the result of the election of so many Liberals in the province, and added that there was much more chance of getting better terms for British Columbia from the Laurier government than from Mr. Borden's.

Mr. Riley was then returned to power. Mr. Frank Higgins then arose and expressed some of the joy he felt at the victory of the Liberal party, after which the crowd dispersed.

FOR THE ORIENT.

Cudahy Packing Company Sources Contract.

An order for 3,000,000 pounds of mutton, which will be shipped about the 15th inst., will be shipped through Seattle to the Orient within a short time, says the Post-Intelligencer. The contract to furnish the mutton is being made by the Cudahy Packing Company, of Omaha, and arrangements are now being made to effect shipment.

This order was placed through an American agency, and it is thought certain that it is intended for the Japanese forces, as the bills of lading will read to some point on the Chinese coast.

At the local offices of the Cudahy Packing Company the management stated that they had not learned of the order. From an undisputed source, however, it is known that the deal was put through on October 28th. The exact price has not been stated, but on an order of such magnitude the minimum figure, according to those versed with meat packing conditions will not fall short of \$150,000. This is the second big order filled by the American packing house through the Orient account during the past fall. Armour & Co. having shipped 1,000,000 pounds of corned beef through this port about a month ago, and which was claimed to be destined for the use of the Japanese army. This last order, however, is said to be the largest yet, a bill filled out by any company for many years, and the largest that was ever shipped to the Orient at any one time.

According to the packing house people, the demand for American prepared food stuffs in the provision line through the Orient is on a better footing than ever before. It is thought that with the conclusion of the present war between Japan and Russia the exports of those canned commodities across the Pacific will not be a great increase. As Seattle is the natural distributing point for the consignments, the orders will all be shipped via this city.

BULLION GOLD.

Joe Smith, A. V. Giffert and J. H. McLennan, of discovery on Bullion, are in town after a number of close applications to work, but they did not come empty-handed, and they have many nuggets brought with them gold dust to the amount of 124 ounces, and this does not represent the output of the property further back than the past six or eight weeks, several other consignments of dust having previously been sent in from their claims. The boys on discovery have demonstrated that the gold is there and there is no doubt about it. The methods used by the Bullion Creek Hydraulic Company will employ are at work. Bullion creek will be a heavy producer of that which lubricates the wheels of the world. Giffert will leave tomorrow morning for St. Louis. He will take about 60 ounces of the gold above mentioned, all of which is very compact, and many nuggets worth \$20 to \$50, to St. Louis with him as a sample of what the Klugeau district contains. The property from which the gold was taken will all be worked by the Bullion Creek Hydraulic Company next year, when the output, instead of hundreds, will be thousands of ounces.

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NAVAL AND MILITARY NOTES.

Latest Service Intelligence From Naval Military Record.

Drafts of the R. A. and R. E. from Plymouth, England, and from the Dockyard will go to Liverpool on the 15th inst. and embark for Halifax, N. S., and Victoria, B. C.

It is notified that Royal Artillery artificers serving in heavy and siege train units at home may be taken in relief of artificers serving with ordinary companies of R. G. A., as well as for siege and heavy companies abroad.

The Archer, cruiser, which has been condemned as unfit for further service, is ordered to be removed from the steam sloop at Chatham Dockyard and berthed at a buoy in the River Mersey, above Port Victoria, until she is sold out of the royal navy. The Archer was the first of six cruisers of the type of the Archer class, and was built nearly 20 years ago on the River Clyde by Messrs. J. G. Thomson.

The system of coaling at sea, as invented by Engineer-Commander H. V. Mott, and the appliances for which are fitted to the sloop Basilisk, will shortly be subjected to further trials. It is expected that one of the battleships of the home fleet will be detailed to coals the expected, and that they will take place in the neighborhood of Spithead. The difficulties which have previously been experienced by the German navy in the endless woe have now, it is understood, been overcome.

It is in contemplation, says the Times, to mount four 7.5-inch guns on the sloop New Zealand now completing at Portsmouth, in place of the four 6-inch guns, as ordered by the King Edward VII. Rear-Admiral W. H. Henderson, superintendent of the dockyard, has stated in a dockyard order that he considers the battleship King Edward VII. has been prepared for her trials in a much more efficient and modern manner than any previous ship of which he has had experience, and credit is due to the officers and all concerned.

The Fleeted Shipping Company, of Glasgow, Scotland, has been notified by the British Admiralty, and is a duplicate of one launched by the same firm a few months ago. The ship, named the "Fleeted," is a 2,300-ton displacement, 10,500 (forced draught) indicated horsepower. The Neue Militaerische Blatter publishes some particulars concerning the increase of the German fleet. The number of ships' officers, who numbered 811 in 1890, now number 1,250, an increase of 439, or more than half as many again. The number of doctors has increased from 128 in 1890 to 223 in 1904, an increase of 95. The number of doctors was 142 in 1890; it is now 197, or 55 more. The paymasters have increased from 104 in 1890 to 164 in 1904, an increase of 60. The number of warrant officers for the two years is 1,068 in 1890, and 1,587 in 1904, an increase of 519. The number of petty officers, respectively, in 1890 and 1,111 in 1904, or 2,371 additional; and for seamen 17,597 in 1890 and 21,829 in 1904, or an additional 7,232. The German Journal states that the number of men being 60,000 in 1917, when the naval programme of 1900 has been carried out.

Modern warships, as the Japanese are finding, require a good deal of overhauling when they get into the water. Guns can be replaced, but foul bottoms and defective boilers are not so easily repaired unless the ship can afford to lay up for a long time. The results of the mission of inconspicuousness, but it is well known that the Japanese fleet is suffering from some amount of staleness in these respects. As, indeed, inevitable. But what is the Russian fleet like? It is like it, and when it reaches the scene of war, the vessels are said to be poor stuff now, and would not stand a bout with a few Japanese, but when they get into the Far East they will be fit for nothing but the dockyard. Some attempt is made by the Japanese to deal with repairs, but the Russian fleet is in a very poor state. All of which only confirms the belief that the fleet will never get there.

Few orders for armaments for Japan are likely to be given abroad by the government, and the Japanese navy is being rapidly extended, and up-to-date machinery has been introduced. At Kure naval port it is not possible to manufacture guns up to 12-inch, and in the other by yards at Yokosuka and Sasebo many torpedo-boats have been turned out this year to repair to the wastage of the war. The Japanese navy now includes over 100 torpedo-boats of all classes, and is being strengthened by the addition of several cruisers averaging 5,000 tons gross. The supply of native ore is not being sufficient for Japan's needs, she has been lately obtaining large quantities from China. Preparations are at present being made in Japan to build battleships of the largest type, and with this end in view the steel factory near Moji is being enlarged. The desire of the Japanese government is to provide work for its own people, and so allow a freer circulation of money.

The following is the text of an order issued by Admiral Bligh after the latest action in the Orient. On the evening of September 20 the battleship Orel, which was being towed to sea, grounded owing to the low state of the water. This incident itself was of no importance, but the Orel was being towed at a speed of only half a knot, and consequently not threatened with any danger, but what is important is the fact that not one of the vessels lying in the great roadstead of the Orel to the assistance of the Orel, as is required by naval discipline. It is not necessary for any officer to argue whether assistance is necessary or not in such a case, but it is obligatory to render assistance in difficult circumstances. Vessels in the roads ought to have done as follows: (1) Sent boats with hawsers and ladders to the Orel. (2) The training ship might very well have sent its bow anchor and cable. (3) All vessels ought to have sent their boats, with officers and men, to assist themselves at the disposal of the commander. All vessels ought to have offered the commander of the Orel the services of their crews, as well as the appliances of their vessels. (4) Place on record the lack of vigilance and inattention shown as regards roadstead duties on the part of Capt. Zaynski, commander of the cruiser Zhemchug; Capt. Stepanoff, of the transport Kamchatka, and Capt. Nerazovsk, commanding the battleship Orel. (5) The Orel was in the small road, but it was possible for her to read the signals.

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The civilized world is watching the struggle of Russia today with its opponent in the Far East, and the result of that struggle may be many upheavals in Russian internal economy. In the way of Russia von der Buegel's book may rapidly become out of date, and, in fact, events of the past few months have already modified, for better or for worse, some of the conditions he describes. In his preface the author states that he has endeavored "to depict, as briefly as possible, the economic, social, and administrative foundations upon which the Russian state edifice is resting today." The result is the revelation of a foundation which seems to be permeated with weakness, and which is in a state of decay.

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Report Somewhat Too Precious

Arrival of the Boston Steamer Tremont Proves to Be Incorrect.

Ocean Company's Liner Deucalion Leaves for Vancouver This Morning.

It must have been a phantom ship that the watchers in their vigils on the Tootsah saw Wednesday afternoon when they reported the arrival, inbound, of the Boston Steamer Company's monster liner Tremont. "After a smart passage," added the imaginative correspondent on the island. It was indeed a very smart passage, but it will not be finished probably until some time today. It is explained in extenuation of the miscalculation of the Tootsah sea-scanner that they have a three-star brand of haze out there, and it acts with hard-riding effects in heavy weather, especially when the wind is east and by northwest. It is alleged that the substance supposed to be the Tremont turned out to be a galley utensil which had been thrown overboard from some ocean liner and loomed up magnificently in the fog.

The annoying part of such mistakes is that they are sent broadcast over the United States by the marine reporters here, and it takes a deal of trouble to explain to the blundering to distant news agencies, who calmly credit the unfortunate reporters in Victoria with the responsibility for vagaries that look, at a distance, vicious. What vessel it was that was mistaken for the Tremont is not known.

DEUCALION SAILS.

Ocean Steamship Company's liner Deucalion finished unloading her Victoria freight at the outer wharf yesterday afternoon, and was to pass out to Vancouver this morning at daylight, there to discharge her cargo for that port and points along the railway. After unloading at Vancouver the Deucalion will go to the Sound, where it is said, an enormous cargo is awaiting shipment by her to the Oriental ports. It will consist of manufactured articles, grain, lumber and livestock. She will also take a large quantity of American products to the United Kingdom, this route now being a good deal in favor with shippers of heavy and bulky goods. The Deucalion is one of the Ocean Steamship Company's first-class vessels, and is in her biggest tonnage class. Her cargo capacity is about 10,000 tons dead weight.

YUKON STEAMERS MAKE MONEY.

Captain Brown Reports It Is the Best Year Since the Famous Rush Began.

Captain E. E. Brown, superintendent of the Northern Commercial Company's river steamers on the Yukon, reports that the business this year has been better than at any time since the famous rush of 1898. It is claimed the net earnings of river boats amounted to over half a million dollars, and some claim the figures will reach \$750,000. One small steamer, it is said, cleared up \$150,000.

Captain Brown returned recently to the winter on the Sound. He says that the indications now are that next year will be even more profitable to the steamers. The rush to the Tanana district was largely responsible for the increased business this year and the companies expect a good trade there next season.

CUT IN DOCKING RATES.

Ship Owners Get Benefit From the War Between Drydock Owners.

Moran Bros., of Seattle, have announced a cut in the rates for drydocking vessels from the old price of 20 cents per gross ton on ship sailing vessels or steamers to 5 cents. The minimum charge is placed at \$25.

A well informed tugboat man said that this rate cut was the result of an attempt to keep anyone from buying the drydock and repair plant at Quartermaster harbor, which is to be sold at auction December 1. At the rates quoted it is claimed no one can make any money. The rates are not lower than 20 cents per gross ton at any dock on the Pacific coast.

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The Fall Fair

Appreciative Article Appears in Last Issue of Farmers' Advocate.

Officials of the B. C. Agricultural Association Come in for Share of Praise.

The Farmers' Advocate, in its October issue, has the following article on the fall fair recently held in Victoria: "To hold a successful show is the aim of every enterprising exhibition executive. That such a result was achieved by the British Columbia Agricultural Association at the close of their exhibition, held in Victoria during the week ending October 22, is a fact of which the public is well aware. The attendance was greater than at any previous exhibition in the Island City, so said the 'old-timers,' and in most cases the exhibits were very creditable.

"The main building, which is large and of artistic design, was well filled on all three floors. On the first was to be found the district exhibits, which proved to be one of the most interesting features of the show. There were three competitors, Chilliwack, Saanich and the Island City, each with its own exhibit. To anyone who does not believe that British Columbia is one of the most productive provinces in the British empire, an inspection of these exhibits was most instructive. To see the choice fruits, both fresh and bottled; the grains and agricultural seeds of the finest quality; roots and vegetables of immense size; the forage plants, of great variety, that would please any stock-raiser; and dairy products, the delight of the most fastidious epicure, was a sight not soon to be forgotten by any visitor to the Pacific capital. In the arrangement of the exhibits, creditable skill was manifested. The judging was done according to a scale of points, and in some cases a total score was recorded for a particular feature of the exhibit. In this, however, the judging was in error, because although the displays were especially creditable, perfection was, as usual, not to be found.

"The commercial fruit exhibit in the main building attracted a great deal of attention, and rightly so. British Columbia is already laying credit to the distinction of being a great fruit country, and the wonderful possibilities of the future were well revealed in the competition for the Stewart challenge cup. Each display had to be of commercial varieties, the produce of an exhibitor, packed in market in standard packages, not less than two boxes or crates of each. The exhibits covered considerable space, were very attractively arranged, and all the fruit was within a radius of a few miles of Victoria.

"Another specially interesting feature of the exhibits in the main building was the display of fruit, grains, vegetables, fodder, corn and roots made by the Provincial Experimental Farm at Abbotsford. The exhibits were of a high quality, and each one was nicely arranged and plainly labelled, so that persons desirous of becoming familiar with the name of each might readily do so. Altogether it reflected great credit on the management. T. E. Sharp, who was in attendance.

"In live stock the entries were larger than in previous years, and in general the quality was well up to the mark. In fact, when it is remembered that not many years ago the first pure-bred found its way into the Pacific province, it was particularly good.

"In the cattle classes Shorthorns led. J. Tamboline, Westham Island, had both the sweepstakes male and female, but in both cases he had close competitors. R. K. Bennett, Rushford ranch, Calgary, went over the Rockies with a fine choice representative of the reds, whites, and grey, and deserved credit for his enterprise. In the aged cow class his Imp, Olive Wenlock II, stood second, and there was not wanting good judges who would have placed her first, and even given her sweepstakes for animals of her gender. Among the winners who had good ones were W. W. Ladner, H. W. Vasey and T. W. Paterson. Of the other beef breeds, Herefords and Angus were each represented by one herd. There were also two herds of Friesians, and the only dairy breed, Jerseys, Ayrshires, Guernseys and Holsteins, had some fair representatives.

"The exhibit of horses was about up to the usual mark. In some of the heavy draughts, as well as a few of the lighter breeds, very shrewdly chosen horses that had won honor in shows of national importance.

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